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SUBJECT: IRAQI ALLIES REJECTIONIST FRONT AGAINST UNITED
STATES MIDDLE EAST DIPLOMACY

1. IRAQI GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED FEBRUARY 18 THAT PRESIDENT
BAKR HAD DISPATCHED ENVOYS TO ALGIERS AND TRIPOLI. THE
PRESIDENTIAL ENVOYS, MINISTER OF STATE HAMIDAL WENT TO
TRIPOLI AND INFORMATION OFFICIALS AADQASSIM HAMOUDI TO ALGIERS, ARE
REPORTEDLY CARRYING LETTERS FROM BOTH BAKR AND IRAQI STRONGMAN
SADDAM HUSSEIN.

2. MEANWHILE, IRAQI MEDIA CONTINUES TO RAIL AGAINST SECRETARYS
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TRIP AND ACCUSED ARAB LEADERS OF BEING DUPED BY ISRAEL
AND UNITED STATES TO MAKE NEW CONCESSIONS. TYPICAL WAS FEBRUARY
18 EDITORIAL IN BAATH PARTY DAILY AL-THAWRA WHICH SAW THE VANCE
TOUR AS A "CONTINUATION OF PROGRESS FOR A LIQUIDATIONARY SETTLEMENT
TO END THE STATE OF BELLIGERANCE OF SOME ARAB COUNTRIES THAT MAINTAIN
ACTURSE OF SURRENDER TO THE ZIONIST ENTITY."

3. USUALLY RELIABLE USINT SOURCE CONFIRMED IMPRESSION THAT PRESIDENTIAL ENVOYS WILL SEEK TO KEEP ALGERIA AND LIBA ON THE REJECTIONIST RESERVATION IN THE FACE OF INDICATIONS THAT ARAFAT AND OTHER PLO LEADERS ARE COOPERATING WITH SETTLEMENT POLICIES OF MODERATE ARAB REGIMES. ACCORDING TO SOURCE, GOI FEELS THAT STATEMENTS MADE BY RABIN AND SECRETARY AT END OF LATTERS VISIT TO ISRAEL GAVE IRAQ OPENING TO CHARGE THAT ISRAELI POSITION IS BECOMING MORE RIGID, DESPITE ARAB CONCESSIONS, AND THAT SECRETARY HAD MOVED CLOSER TO ISRAELI POSITION ON NEED FOR REWRITING OF PLO COVENANT. IRAQIS HAVE BEEN CHARGING ALL ALONG THAT ARAB FLEXIBILITY WOULD NOT BE RECIPROCATED.

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